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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JULY 03/JULY 02	JULY 03/JUNE 03
MANITOBA	0.9	0.0
CANADA	2.2	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose just 0.9% in July 2003 compared with July 2002, down from an annual rate of 1.1% in June. Canada's annual rate of price increase in July was 2.2%, down from 2.6% in June.

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Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 0.9% in July was again the lowest among the provinces, while Alberta once more recorded the highest annual rate, at 4.4%. The Winnipeg all items index rose 0.8% in July, down from an annual rate of 1.0% in June.

On a monthly basis the Manitoba all-items index was unchanged in July, after falling 0.2% in June. Prices were lower last month for a number of food items including beef and fresh vegetables. Decreases were also noted for travel services and mortgage interest costs. These declines were partly offset by higher prices for gasoline, air travel and men's clothing. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.1% in July, matching the May and June monthly increases.

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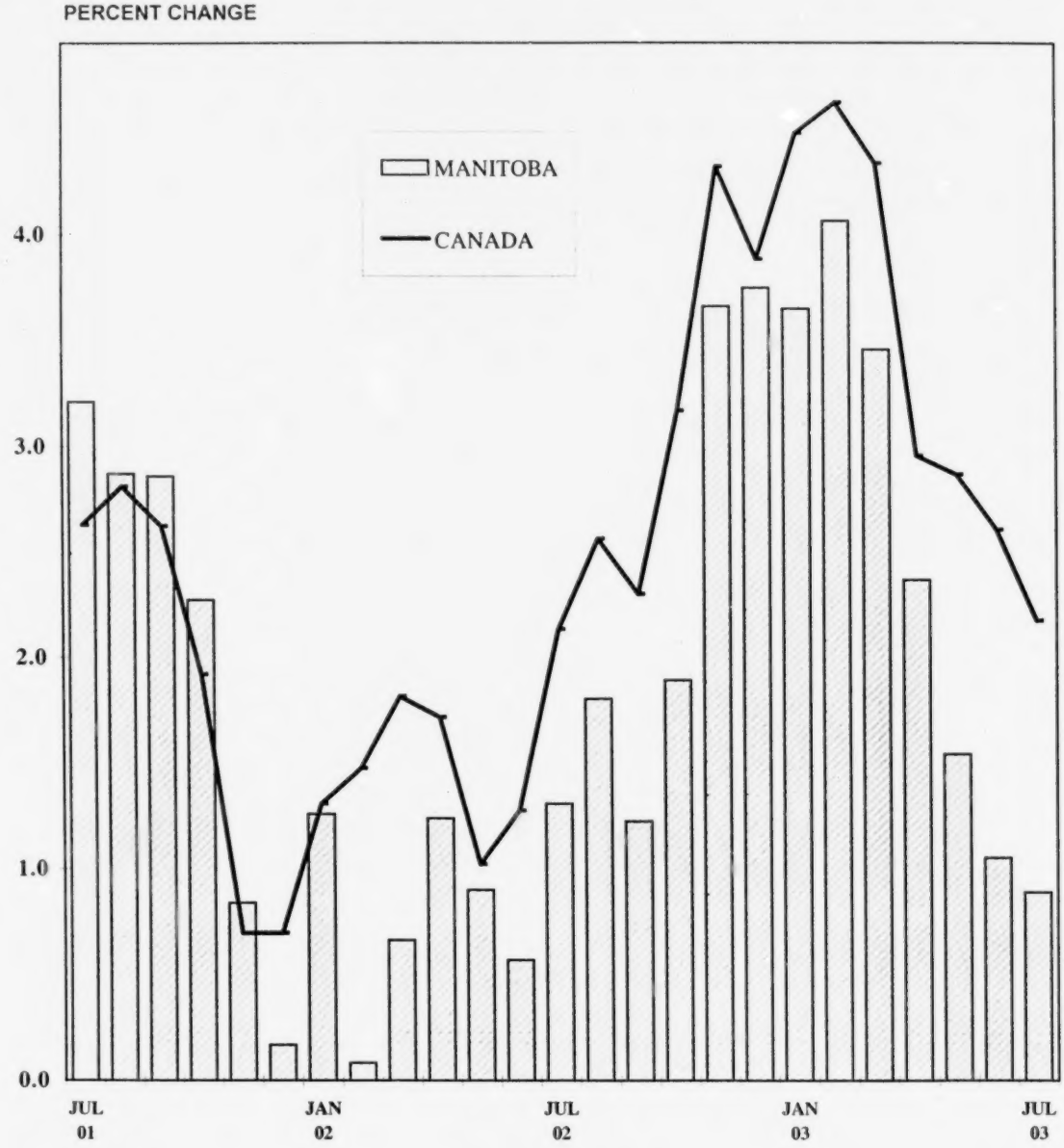

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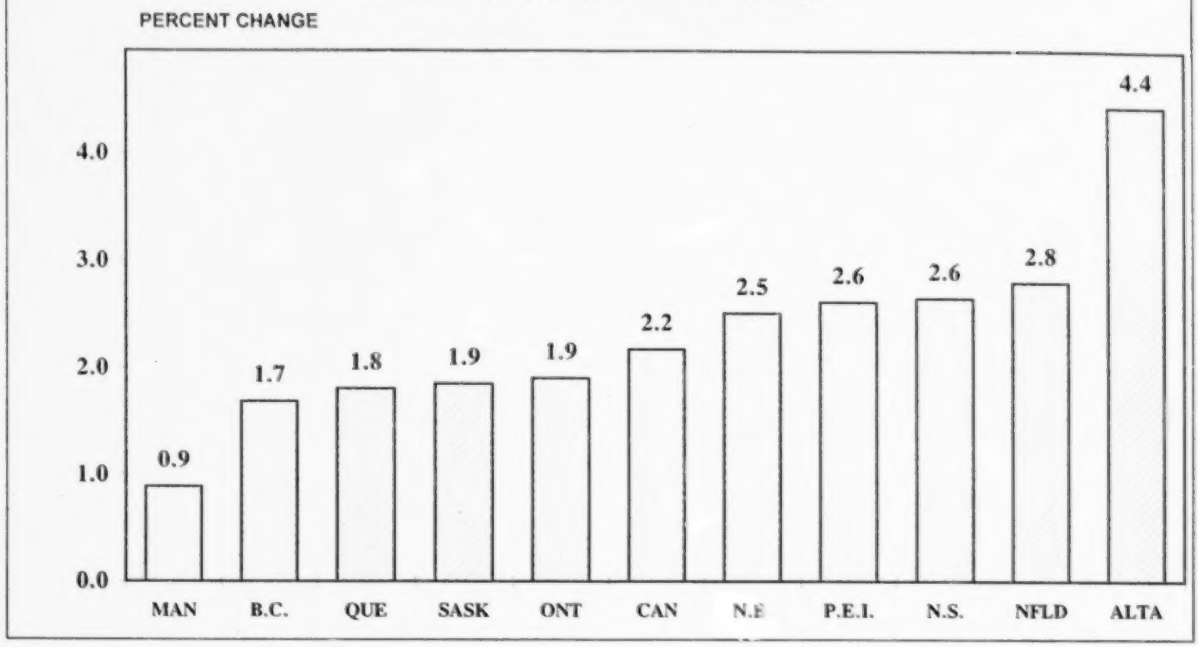

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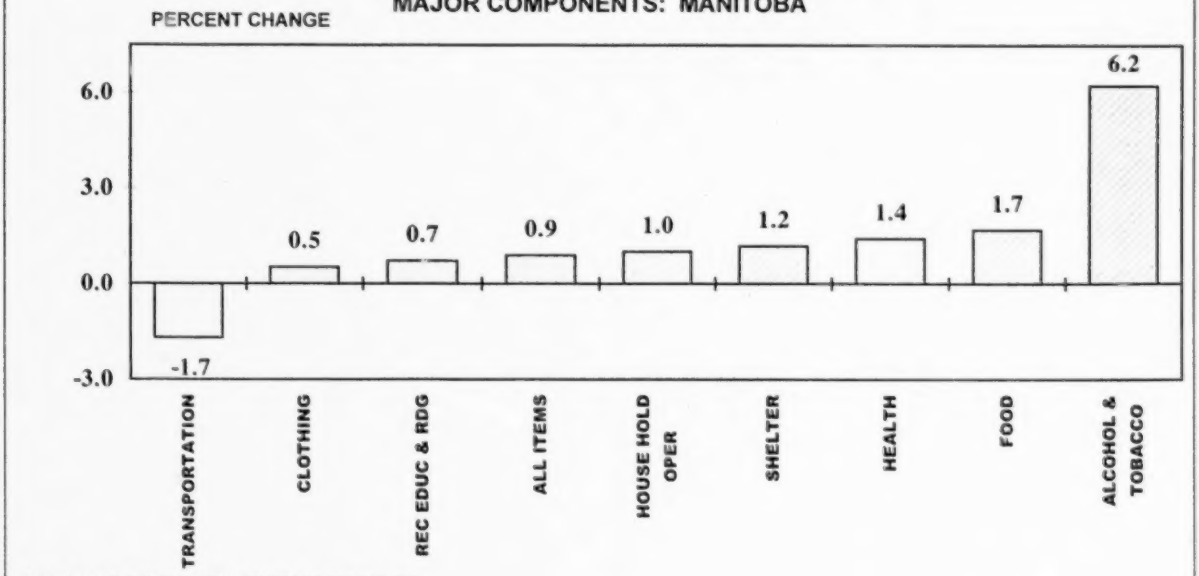

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2003

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUL 03	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 02	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	124.9	124.9	0.0	123.8	0.9	122.2	122.1	0.1	119.6	2.2
FOOD	126.4	126.7	-0.2	124.3	1.7	123.2	123.2	0.0	120.9	1.9
SHELTER	119.7	119.7	0.0	118.3	1.2	117.6	117.7	-0.1	113.2	3.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	120.8	120.4	0.3	119.6	1.0	114.6	114.5	0.1	114.2	0.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.4	115.6	-0.2	114.8	0.5	101.6	101.0	0.6	105.0	-3.2
TRANSPORTATION	133.4	133.8	-0.3	135.7	-1.7	139.9	139.5	0.3	135.4	3.3
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	121.7	122.0	-0.2	120.0	1.4	116.9	116.8	0.1	115.4	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.8	126.3	0.4	125.9	0.7	127.9	127.6	0.2	128.4	-0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	143.5	144.0	-0.3	135.1	6.2	136.6	136.4	0.1	129.5	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	124.6	124.6	0.0	123.8	0.6	122.0	121.9	0.1	119.4	2.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	123.4	123.6	-0.2	122.2	1.0	120.3	120.2	0.1	118.2	1.8
ENERGY	135.2	132.7	1.9	136.9	-1.2	137.6	137.0	0.4	129.0	6.7
GOODS	121.4	121.7	-0.2	121.2	0.2	117.5	117.5	0.0	116.3	1.0
SERVICES	128.7	128.4	0.2	126.7	1.6	127.4	127.1	0.2	123.5	3.2

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2003

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUL 03	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 02	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 03	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	124.9	124.9	0.0	123.8	0.9	126.4	126.7	-0.2	124.3	1.7
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	126.5	126.3	0.2	124.2	1.9	121.3	121.6	-0.2	118.6	2.3
ALBERTA	129.6	130.1	-0.4	124.1	4.4	122.0	123.2	-1.0	120.3	1.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	120.5	120.2	0.2	118.5	1.7	123.3	123.3	0.0	120.3	2.5
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	123.1	122.9	0.2	120.8	1.9	123.7	123.3	0.3	121.4	1.9
QUEBEC	118.3	118.1	0.2	116.2	1.8	124.3	124.5	-0.2	121.8	2.1
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	122.6	122.1	0.4	119.6	2.5	122.0	120.8	1.0	119.3	2.3
NOVA SCOTIA	124.0	123.6	0.3	120.8	2.6	123.6	123.3	0.2	121.0	2.1
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	121.7	121.5	0.2	118.6	2.6	120.4	119.4	0.8	118.8	1.3
NEWFOUNDLAND	121.2	120.3	0.7	117.9	2.8	119.0	117.9	0.9	118.4	0.5
* MANITOBA RANK			2		1			3		4

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JULY 2003)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	0.9	2.2	-1.6	1.0	2.4	3.3
FOOD	1.7	1.9	-0.9	2.6	1.8	1.9
SHELTER	1.2	3.9	-1.0	3.8	1.3	2.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.5	-3.2	5.0	-8.2	1.2	-1.4
TRANSPORTATION	-1.7	3.3	-11.1	-5.3	3.4	7.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.4	1.3	-1.3	0.3	1.4	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.7	-0.4	3.2	5.2	1.7	1.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	6.2	5.5	10.4	6.4	16.2	16.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	0.6	2.2	-1.6	0.3	2.6	3.7
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.0	1.8	0.0	0.3	2.3	3.2
ENERGY	-1.2	6.7	-15.9	0.6	5.2	8.4
GOODS	0.2	1.0	-5.4	-1.7	2.9	3.0
SERVICES	1.6	3.2	2.5	3.2	2.0	3.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2003: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUL 03	JUN 03	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	125.1	125.1	0.0	0.8	2.4
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	127.4	127.3	0.1	1.8	3.0
SASKATOON	125.7	125.6	0.1	1.6	3.0
CALGARY	129.8	130.7	-0.7	3.0	5.1
EDMONTON	128.5	128.7	-0.2	5.8	6.3
VANCOUVER	120.9	120.8	0.1	1.4	2.4
VICTORIA	120.1	119.7	0.3	1.7	2.7
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	121.7	121.8	-0.1	1.2	2.8
TORONTO	124.0	123.7	0.2	2.6	3.1
OTTAWA	124.8	124.4	0.3	1.9	3.0
MONTREAL	118.3	118.1	0.2	1.6	3.0
QUEBEC	119.0	118.8	0.2	1.9	3.1
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	122.1	121.6	0.4	2.5	4.8
HALIFAX	123.0	122.6	0.3	2.4	4.3
CHARLOTTETOWN	120.9	120.6	0.2	2.5	4.3
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	121.1	120.2	0.7	2.6	3.7
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			4	1	1

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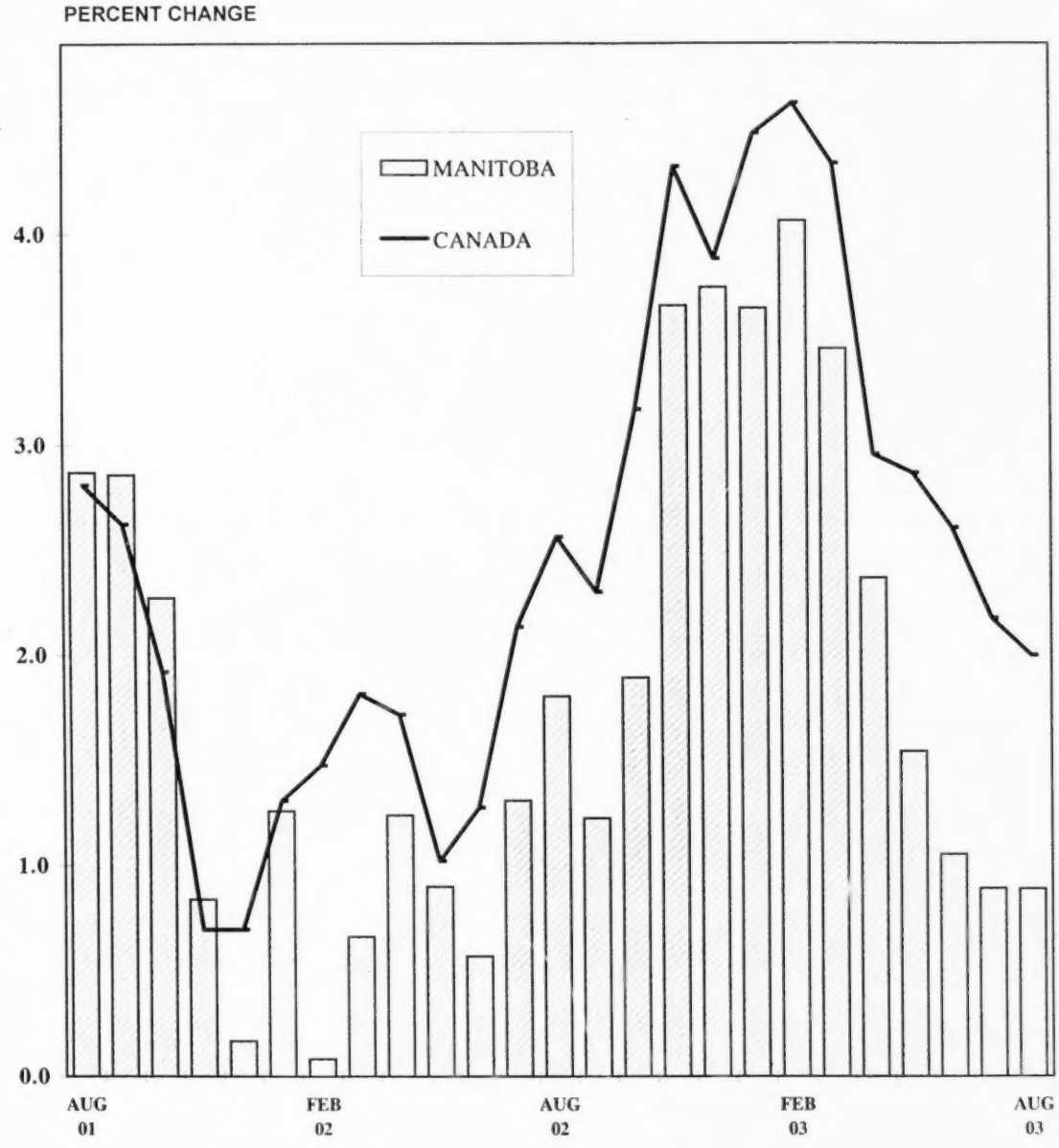

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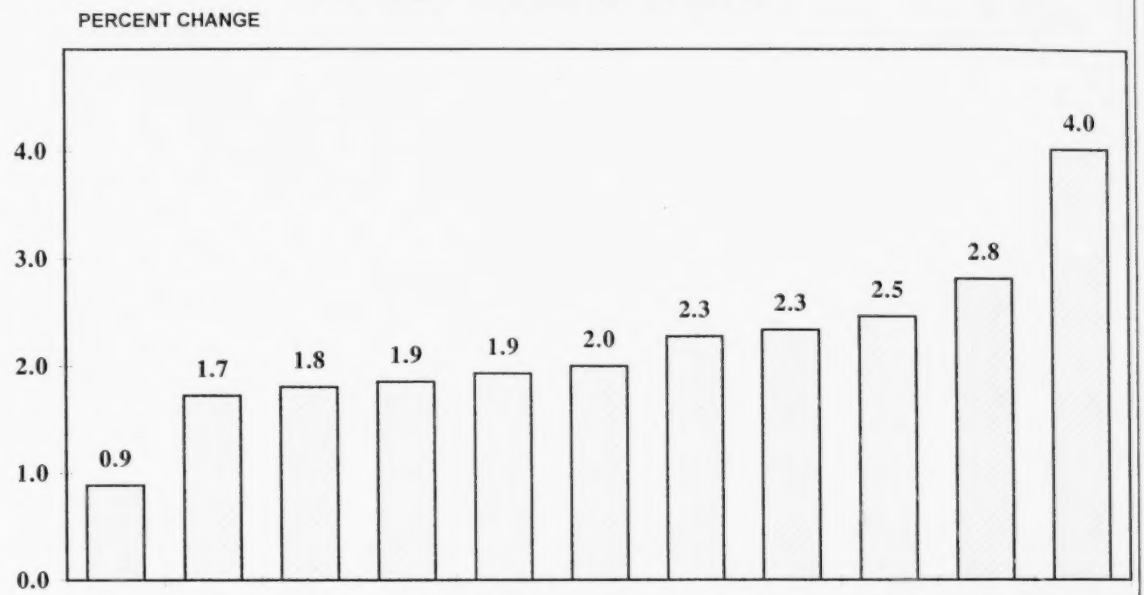

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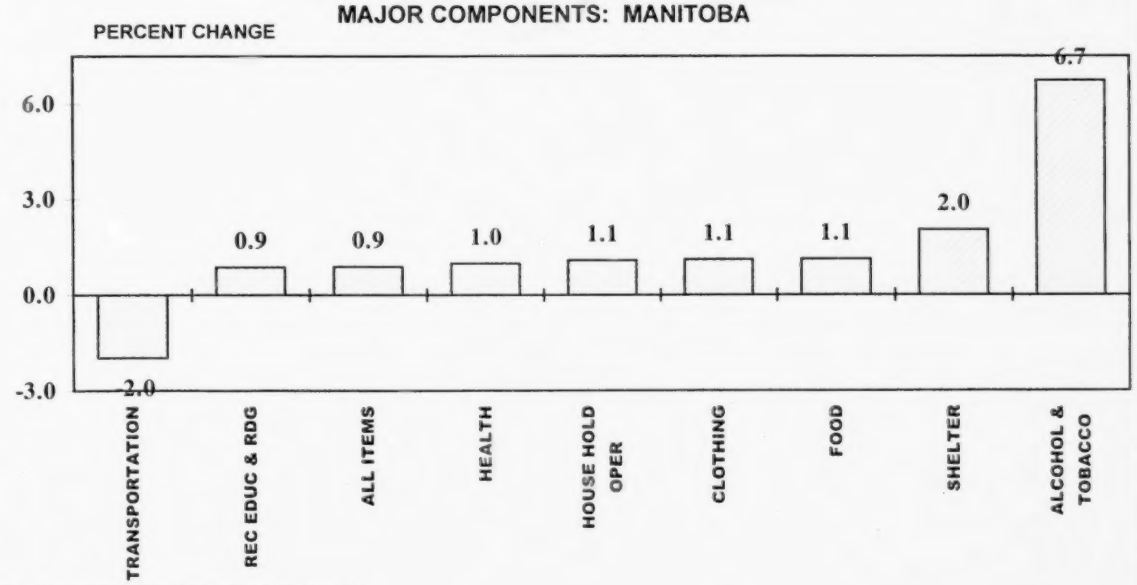

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	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	AUG 03	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 02	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	125.2	124.9	0.2	124.1	0.9	122.5	122.2	0.2	120.1	2.0
FOOD	125.8	126.4	-0.5	124.4	1.1	122.1	123.2	-0.9	120.2	1.6
SHELTER	120.2	119.7	0.4	117.8	2.0	117.7	117.6	0.1	114.2	3.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	121.0	120.8	0.2	119.7	1.1	114.7	114.6	0.1	114.3	0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.8	115.4	2.1	116.5	1.1	101.8	101.6	0.2	105.0	-3.0
TRANSPORTATION	133.9	133.4	0.4	136.6	-2.0	142.4	139.9	1.8	137.0	3.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	122.1	121.7	0.3	120.9	1.0	117.4	116.9	0.4	115.6	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	127.0	126.8	0.2	125.9	0.9	128.0	127.9	0.1	128.5	-0.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	144.2	143.5	0.5	135.1	6.7	137.1	136.6	0.4	129.8	5.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	125.1	124.6	0.4	124.0	0.9	122.7	122.0	0.6	120.2	2.1
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	123.6	123.4	0.2	122.5	0.9	120.5	120.3	0.2	118.5	1.7
ENERGY	139.1	135.2	2.9	136.5	1.9	143.5	137.6	4.3	133.4	7.6
GOODS	122.0	121.4	0.5	121.5	0.4	117.9	117.5	0.3	116.8	0.9
SERVICES	128.7	128.7	0.0	126.8	1.5	127.7	127.4	0.2	123.9	3.1

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(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	AUG 03	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 02	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 03	JUL 03	PERCENT CHANGE	AUG 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	125.2	124.9	0.2	124.1	0.9	125.8	126.4	-0.5	124.4	1.1
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	126.8	126.5	0.2	124.4	1.9	120.7	121.3	-0.5	117.9	2.4
ALBERTA	129.3	129.6	-0.2	124.3	4.0	121.7	122.0	-0.2	120.3	1.2
BRITISH COLUMBIA	120.9	120.5	0.3	118.7	1.9	123.3	123.3	0.0	120.9	2.0
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	123.8	123.1	0.6	121.7	1.7	122.6	123.7	-0.9	121.1	1.2
QUEBEC	118.4	118.3	0.1	116.3	1.8	122.2	124.3	-1.7	119.7	2.1
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	122.7	122.6	0.1	119.9	2.3	121.3	122.0	-0.6	118.8	2.1
NOVA SCOTIA	124.1	124.0	0.1	120.7	2.8	122.8	123.6	-0.6	120.5	1.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	121.5	121.7	-0.2	118.8	2.3	119.8	120.4	-0.5	117.9	1.6
NEWFOUNDLAND	120.7	121.2	-0.4	117.8	2.5	118.2	119.0	-0.7	116.9	1.1
* MANITOBA RANK			8		1			8		2

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MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	0.9	2.0	0.3	1.6	2.4	3.3
FOOD	1.1	1.6	-3.1	-2.3	1.8	1.8
SHELTER	2.0	3.1	2.0	2.1	1.5	2.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.1	0.3	3.4	0.7	1.2	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.1	-3.0	9.7	-6.0	1.4	-1.6
TRANSPORTATION	-2.0	3.9	-3.2	7.6	3.0	7.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.0	1.6	-0.3	1.0	1.4	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.9	-0.4	1.3	2.5	1.7	1.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	6.7	5.6	1.4	2.7	15.0	15.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	0.9	2.1	1.3	2.7	2.5	3.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	0.9	1.7	-0.6	0.3	2.2	3.1
ENERGY	1.9	7.6	20.0	30.0	5.2	9.0
GOODS	0.4	0.9	-1.0	0.3	2.7	2.9
SERVICES	1.5	3.1	1.6	2.9	2.0	3.7

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SASKATOON	126.1	125.7	0.3	1.8	2.9
CALGARY	129.7	129.8	-0.1	3.3	5.2
EDMONTON	128.2	128.5	-0.2	5.0	6.6
VANCOUVER	121.5	120.9	0.5	1.8	2.4
VICTORIA	120.5	120.1	0.3	1.9	2.6
EASTERN CITIES					
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TORONTO	124.6	124.0	0.5	2.5	3.1
OTTAWA	125.4	124.8	0.5	1.5	2.9
MONTREAL	118.4	118.3	0.1	1.6	2.9
QUEBEC	119.1	119.0	0.1	1.7	3.1
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	122.2	122.1	0.1	2.3	4.6
HALIFAX	123.1	123.0	0.1	2.6	4.2
CHARLOTTETOWN	120.6	120.9	-0.2	2.1	4.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	120.7	121.1	-0.3	2.5	3.7
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			9	1	1

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER 2003

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	SEPTEMBER 03/SEPTEMBER 02	SEPTEMBER 03/AUGUST 03
MANITOBA	1.6	0.6
CANADA	2.2	0.2

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.6% in September 2003 compared with September 2002, up from the August annual rate of 0.9%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in September was 2.2%, up from 2.0% in August.

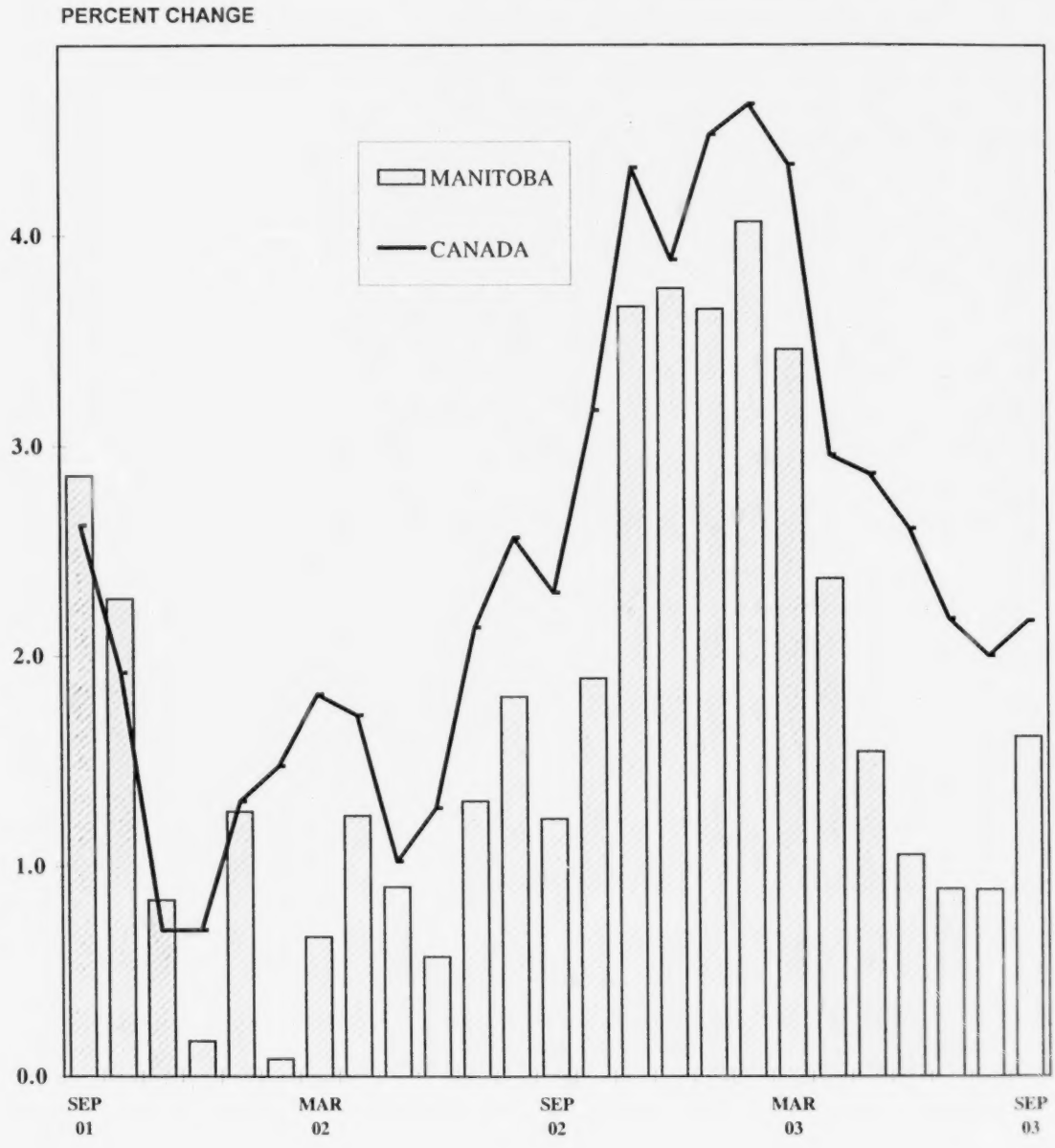
Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 1.6% in September was again the lowest among the provinces, while Alberta once more recorded the highest annual rate, at 3.3%. The Winnipeg all items index rose 1.5% in September, up from an annual rate of 0.9% in August.

Between September 2002 and September 2003, Manitoba saw lower prices for beef, air transportation, travel services and athletic footwear. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, natural gas, tobacco products, sugar and other food preparations as well as pet food and supplies during the same time period.

On a monthly basis the Manitoba all-items index increased 0.6% in September, after a 0.2% increase in August. Prices were lower last month for a number of food items including poultry and fresh potatoes. Decreases were also noted for air transportation, travel services and athletic footwear. These declines were partly offset by higher prices for gasoline, clothing, food preparations and beef. Overall prices at the national level rose 0.2% in September, after increasing 0.2% in August.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE
MANITOBA AND CANADA



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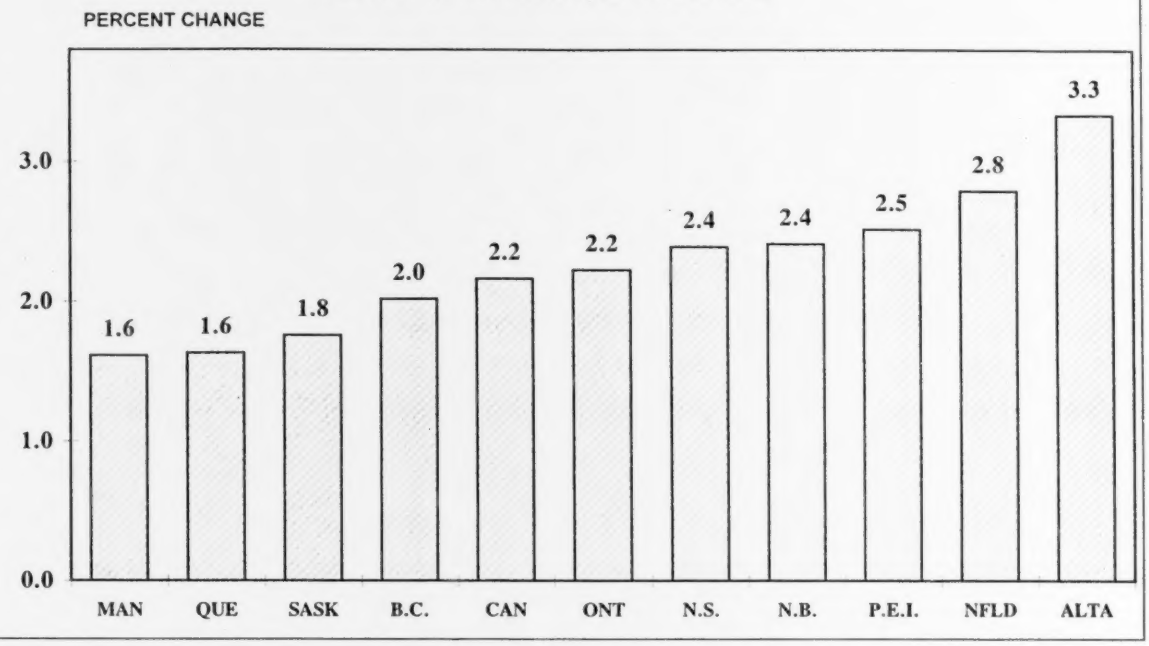

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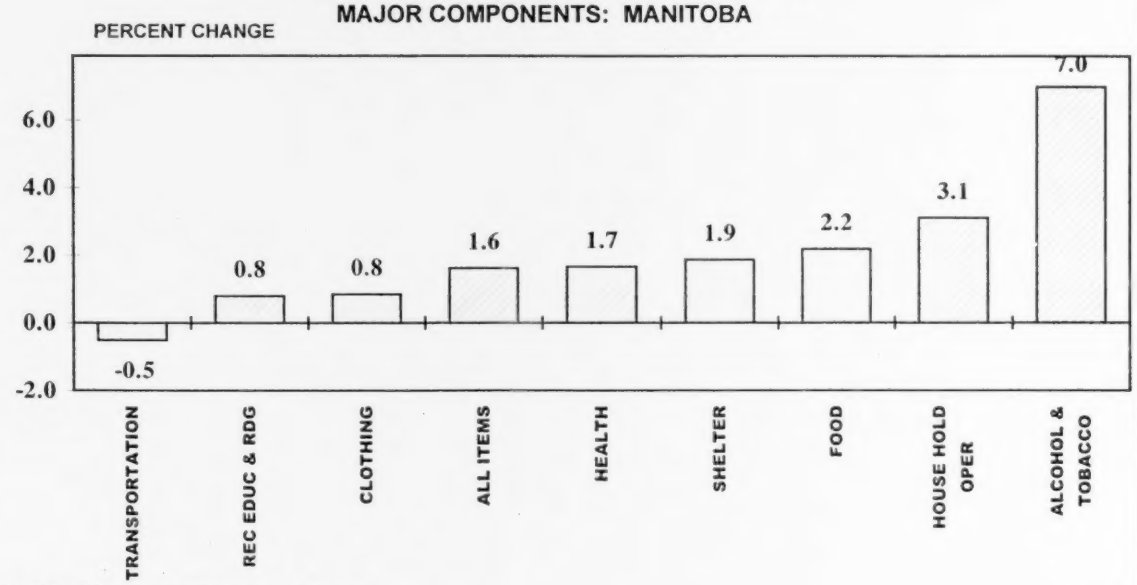

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2003

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	SEP 03	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 02	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	125.9	125.2	0.6	123.9	1.6	122.7	122.5	0.2	120.1	2.2
FOOD	126.6	125.8	0.6	123.9	2.2	121.3	122.1	-0.7	119.2	1.8
SHELTER	120.1	120.2	-0.1	117.9	1.9	117.9	117.7	0.2	114.6	2.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	122.9	121.0	1.6	119.2	3.1	115.1	114.7	0.3	113.8	1.1
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	119.6	117.8	1.5	118.6	0.8	105.0	101.8	3.1	107.3	-2.1
TRANSPORTATION	135.2	133.9	1.0	135.9	-0.5	141.9	142.4	-0.4	136.8	3.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	122.7	122.1	0.5	120.7	1.7	117.6	117.4	0.2	115.7	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.8	127.0	-0.2	125.8	0.8	128.9	128.0	0.7	128.7	0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	144.0	144.2	-0.1	134.6	7.0	137.1	137.1	0.0	129.9	5.5
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	125.8	125.1	0.6	123.9	1.5	123.1	122.7	0.3	120.4	2.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	123.9	123.6	0.2	122.5	1.1	120.9	120.5	0.3	118.7	1.9
ENERGY	143.8	139.1	3.4	136.0	5.7	143.4	143.5	-0.1	134.6	6.5
GOODS	123.4	122.0	1.1	121.3	1.7	117.9	117.9	0.0	116.8	0.9
SERVICES	128.7	128.7	0.0	126.7	1.6	128.1	127.7	0.3	123.9	3.4

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2003

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	SEP 03	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 02	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 03	AUG 03	PERCENT CHANGE	SEP 02	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	125.9	125.2	0.6	123.9	1.6	126.6	125.8	0.6	123.9	2.2
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	127.2	126.8	0.3	125.0	1.8	120.8	120.7	0.1	117.7	2.6
ALBERTA	130.1	129.3	0.6	125.9	3.3	121.4	121.7	-0.2	119.5	1.6
BRITISH COLUMBIA	121.2	120.9	0.2	118.8	2.0	122.4	123.3	-0.7	119.8	2.2
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	123.9	123.8	0.1	121.2	2.2	121.3	122.6	-1.1	119.6	1.4
QUEBEC	118.2	118.4	-0.2	116.3	1.6	121.5	122.2	-0.6	119.1	2.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	123.0	122.7	0.2	120.1	2.4	120.7	121.3	-0.5	117.4	2.8
NOVA SCOTIA	124.1	124.1	0.0	121.2	2.4	121.8	122.8	-0.8	118.9	2.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	122.2	121.5	0.6	119.2	2.5	119.1	119.8	-0.6	117.0	1.8
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	121.4	120.7	0.6	118.1	2.8	117.6	118.2	-0.5	116.2	1.2
* MANITOBA RANK			7		1			10		7

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 2003)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.6	2.2	3.2	2.0	2.4	3.3
FOOD	2.2	1.8	-0.3	-6.0	1.8	1.8
SHELTER	1.9	2.9	1.3	0.7	1.7	3.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	3.1	1.1	8.6	2.1	1.3	0.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.8	-2.1	14.6	16.8	1.6	-1.7
TRANSPORTATION	-0.5	3.7	4.3	7.1	3.1	7.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.7	1.6	2.3	2.8	1.4	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.8	0.2	1.6	4.1	1.6	1.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	7.0	5.5	0.0	2.1	14.0	13.6
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	1.5	2.2	3.9	4.0	2.5	3.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.1	1.9	1.0	2.3	2.2	3.0
ENERGY	5.7	6.5	37.9	20.0	6.3	9.8
GOODS	1.7	0.9	5.7	1.4	2.8	2.8
SERVICES	1.6	3.4	0.9	3.2	2.0	3.7

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2003: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

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WINNIPEG	126.1	125.4	0.6	1.5	2.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	128.2	127.8	0.3	1.8	2.9
SASKATOON	126.3	126.1	0.2	1.5	2.8
CALGARY	130.5	129.7	0.6	2.1	5.1
EDMONTON	128.9	128.2	0.5	4.5	6.8
VANCOUVER	121.8	121.5	0.2	1.8	2.4
VICTORIA	120.8	120.5	0.2	2.0	2.6
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	122.6	122.5	0.1	1.4	2.6
TORONTO	124.8	124.6	0.2	3.1	3.2
OTTAWA	125.5	125.4	0.1	1.9	2.8
MONTREAL	118.3	118.4	-0.1	1.6	2.9
QUEBEC	118.9	119.1	-0.2	1.6	3.0
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	122.5	122.2	0.2	2.3	4.5
HALIFAX	123.2	123.1	0.1	2.3	4.1
CHARLOTTETOWN	121.2	120.6	0.5	2.3	4.1
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